

# SOJOURNERS AND EXILES

## A JOURNEY THROUGH FIRST PETER



### ARE WE SO DETERMINED?

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#### 1 Peter 1:13-21

<sup>13</sup> Therefore, preparing your minds for action, and being sober-minded, set your hope fully on the grace that will be brought to you at the revelation of Jesus Christ. <sup>14</sup> As obedient children, do not be conformed to the passions of your former ignorance, <sup>15</sup> but as he who called you is holy, you also be holy in all your conduct, <sup>16</sup> since it is written, “You shall be holy, for I am holy.” <sup>17</sup> And if you call on him as Father who judges impartially according to each one's deeds, conduct yourselves with fear throughout the time of your exile, <sup>18</sup> knowing that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your forefathers, not with perishable things such as silver or gold, <sup>19</sup> but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without blemish or spot. <sup>20</sup> He was foreknown before the foundation of the world but was made manifest in the last times for the sake of you <sup>21</sup> who through him are believers in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are in God.

#### SUMMARY

The standard of living for a Christian is holiness, a life set apart from sinful ways, devoted and obedient to God. Holiness is the primary theme of 1 Peter 1:13-2:10. A holy life begins with a mindset, a made-up mind that is determined to reject ungodly ways and pursue God's best in all circumstances.

## TWO CALLS OF GOD IN OUR EXILE

1. God Calls Us to Holy Action (1 Peter 1:13-16)
2. God Calls Us to Holy Fear (1 Peter 1:17-21)

### **1 Peter 1:13 KJV**

<sup>13</sup> Wherefore gird up the loins of your mind, be sober, and hope to the end for the grace that is to be brought unto you at the revelation of Jesus Christ;

### **1 Peter 2:11**

<sup>11</sup> Beloved, I urge you as sojourners and exiles to abstain from the passions of the flesh, which wage war against your soul.

COME TO CHRIST BY FAITH.

WHAT IS HOLDING YOU BACK?

FIGHT FOR A HOLY MIND THAT FEARS THE LORD.

WHAT DO YOU ALLOW TO PULL YOUR MIND INTO THE  
WORTHLESS VOID?

BEFORE YOU ALLOW THE PULL, WHAT IS ONE HOLY EXCHANGE  
YOU WILL MAKE?

## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What is a recent moment that made you laugh or smile?
2. Read 1 Peter 1:13-21. In verse 13, Peter talks about preparing our minds and setting our hope. What do you think that looks like in everyday life, not church language?
3. How have you seen old habits or former ways of thinking resurface when life becomes stressful or uncertain, as described in verse 14?
4. When Peter calls believers to be holy in all their conduct, where does that feel most challenging in our normal routines?
5. Verse 17 speaks about living with reverent fear. How do you understand that without confusing it with anxiety or guilt?
6. Peter reminds his readers that they were redeemed from empty ways of life. What are some cultural pursuits that can quietly shape our priorities but ultimately feel empty?
7. How does knowing the cost of our redemption influence the way you think about your worth or identity?
8. In verse 21, Peter connects faith and hope directly to God. How does that perspective affect the way you handle uncertainty or loss?
9. What grabbed your attention most from the sermon or passage this week?

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